



**Countdown**  
revelries to 2013  
goes nationwide  
for the first time

By the Inquirer Staff

FOR THE FIRST time, the New Year's countdown celebrations have become a truly nationwide affair in the country, with street parties, live performances and fireworks displays laid out for New Year's Eve revelers from Baguio City in the north to Taguig in typhoon-ravaged Mindanao.

The celebrations will broadly span in the heart of the capital city in Manila, or in Iloilo City, where thousands mark the starting point for numerous distances on any point in the Philippines.

An open-air concert featuring GPM bands, a street party and fireworks display are being held up in Manila's New Year countdown extravaganza, titled "Thanking Pinoy 2012: A Joyous Party in the Park." The floodlights, bubble machines, music, and fireworks display will be accompanied by the fireworks of the festival.

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**KILLER FIRECRACKER** Former PNP Chief Minsan Barandina holds up this pyrotechnic, called "Goodbye Philippines," which is 18 X 16 inches, much bigger than the ordinary firecracker (circled at left). Exploding this big one may well mean literally bidding adieu not only to the country but also to the world as it kills.

# Crackdown on 'crackers'

**Cebu siege: PNP ordered to arrest revelers exploding 'bombs'**

**Political fallout on Aquino**

By Arsenio Dorcelis

THE AQUINO administration needs on New Year's Eve under heavy political fallout from the power struggle with the Cebu provincial government involving the suspension of Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia.

**ANALYSIS** For the first time since he took office in June 2010, President Aquino deployed the vast powers of the presidency to investigate a local government when he suspended Garcia on Dec. 19 for its records on administrative charges of alleged "abuse of power."

The suspension order played the central government into war with the Cebu government, which makes the largest electorate in the country.

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**GRUESOME PAGE** After watching and listening to the presentation of measures taken by government agencies against illegal fireworks, President Aquino wants the police to shut down potentially shape selling prohibited pyrotechnics that injure Filipinos, especially children. Photos of a bloodied hand like this (inset) have not discouraged Filipinos from greeting the New Year with a big bang.

By TJ Bugarin

**AHEAD** of the New Year revelry, President Aquino yesterday ordered police officials to throw the book at revelers exploding banned fireworks and to shut down shops selling them for good.

The President specifically reminded Philippine National Police Director General Alan Pimental to highlight the charges filed against violators of Republic Act No. 7180 and the penalties carved out to them to show the government's "determination."

For Mr. Aquino indicated that apart from charging revelers with violation of RA 7180, which regulates the sale, manufacture, distribution and use of fireworks, and penalties, the PNP should explain filing

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## P-Noy sounds call for unity amid differences

By TJ Bugarin and Erika Sadler

IN SOLEMN rites yesterday morning, President Aquino laid a wreath at the monument of Jose R. Rizal, capping the 116th anniversary of the national hero's martyrdom and the celebration of the transfer of his remains from Binondo to Luneta Park.

The President said the double celebration challenged Filipinos "to forge unity in the face of differences." "This past year, we've marked the 100th year of the attainment of our national hero's remains at the Rizal Park where Filipinos can freely honor his important contributions to the shaping of our country," the President said in a statement posted on the government website.

"For his memory's sake, we continue to respond to the challenge of the times. How to ensure unity in spite of differences? How to influence concerns for others and flag? We hope that we will be more P-Noy, all."

## Rizal planted seed of revolution; Bonifacio watered it



**CENTENARIAL RITE** Members of the Knights of Rizal re-enact the transfer of National Hero Jose Rizal's bones from Binondo to Luneta in Manila during a dawn ceremony marking the 116th anniversary of his death.

By Manuel R. Alarico  
Contributor

ON DEC. 20, 1898, Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, as head of the Philippine Revolutionary Government, issued a decree proclaiming Dec. 30 of every year a national day of

**COMMENTARY** at day

marking in honor of Jose Rizal and the other martyrs of the revolution against Spain. This was just two years after the creation of the hero by the Spanish colonial government.

On Feb. 18, 1921, the members of the Philippine Legislature passed Act No. 2496, proclaiming Nov. 30 of every year a legal holiday in commemoration of the birth of Andres Bonifacio, founder of the Katipunan. This was just 20 years after the



**JPE on top Senate post: My body no longer up to it**

By Cathy Yarnaud

MONTHS after releasing his controversial memoir, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile has acknowledged that old age is catching up with him.

Enrile says he no longer looks forward to staying in the rostrum until the 15th Congress rolls in next year. "I am ready to step down. We have to [acknowledge] the fact that my body is no longer up to it. I will soon be 60 years old. I could be

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# Courts going green with paperless filing

By Christine Q. Arellano

THE SUPREME COURT will start to create a paperless filing system in a paperless filing system.

The High Court said yesterday in its decision on a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by a petitioner to file a filing paperless system in its filing paperless system.

Beginning Jan. 1, the High Court will implement Administrative Order (AO) No. 11-9-9 MC, on the Efficient Use of Paper, that would require, among other things, parties to cases before the court to submit simultaneously both their own and the court's copy of the petition, or other documents (other than in PDF format), either through a mail or a computer disk.

The Supreme Court said the filing would be voluntary for the first six months of 2012, then becoming compulsory under the voluntary period to succeed.

Under the AO, the High Court aims to "maximize the use of each sheet of paper in filings to be filed by the court and in the proceedings filed by parties."

The rules would apply to all courts and quasi-judicial bodies under the administrative law jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

The AO issued by Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno outlines how all pleadings, motions and similar papers should be written, in single space with one-inch and a half space between paragraphs, using an easily readable 14-point font on 8.5 x 11-inch white bond paper.

All documents submitted by each party should have a full margin of 1.25 inches from the edges, an upper margin of 1.2 inches from the top, and a lower margin of one inch from the bottom. Each page must be consecutively numbered.

This rule will also be required in all decisions, resolutions and orders issued by the courts and quasi-judicial bodies, as well as reports submitted to the courts and quasi-judicial bodies.

The new rules also specify that parties submitting papers to the Supreme Court should file one original and four copies, and file them in the order they should file 10 additional copies.

Not the only issue before the court and the divisions, the parties would need to submit only two sets of documents (one attached to the original and one copy in copy).

## R. Seseoyro Jr.; 48

MANILA "New Year" resolutions it did on Dec. 20 at 10:15 a.m. following complications from a long illness. He was 48.

He was in a coma in the ICU of the Philippine Heart Center following a heart attack while he was in the afternoon of Dec. 20.

He is survived by his father Raimundo R. Seseoyro Sr., mother Cecilia Seseoyro, sisters Sandy, Maria, Maribel, Maribel and Maribel, brother Maribel, sister and nephew.

His death was confirmed by a physician shortly after the incident. He died on Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's, 6 Amador Avenue, Quezon City. Cremation at 3 p.m.

The police will be brought to the funeral of the late Seseoyro Jr. following a heart attack while he was in the afternoon of Dec. 20. His death was confirmed by a physician shortly after the incident. He died on Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's, 6 Amador Avenue, Quezon City. Cremation at 3 p.m.



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**New Year wishes for PH** 

1. That our national and local leaders serve our people to the utmost and their best interests;

2. That the 2013 elections can be free and peaceful;

3. That there be no more millions suffering hunger and other ailments and begging for food and money in busy streets;

4. That so deadly destructive typhoons and other calamities be less frequent;

5. That the movement of persons and goods is controlled by government and consequently inefficient, as well as by other anti-free trade organizations.

your to  
laid from  
greeting every and first joy  
5. Thus the aged be sustained  
and cared for as they mature in  
the last twilight years.  
6. That we as Hispanics must be  
just now as responsible citizens.  
I have no idea for exact steps for  
us to improve my book  
I felt obliged to do and my  
family.

—REYNOLDO B. TAPIA,  
Assistant City Manager, El Paso,  
New Mexico

A New Year's wish P-Noy must deliver for the sake of OFWs

WE COULD see only how Spain's push to Persuade Japan: How down on polluting and go on in running the economy.

Minimum election will be held in 2013. Last week, we found 1945 voting-in-activity campaign for the administration's national coalition. Policy and members of his Cabinet should not encourage initiatives with the campaign to see government administration to use the victory of administration (national parliament) to perform duties as normal the House, House of Representatives and local

A man is holding a white protest sign with red and black text. The sign reads "CREATE JOBS at HOME!" in red, with "at" in smaller black letters. Below this, in black, is "-KMU". The man is wearing a white shirt and a dark backpack. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and structures.

A DEMONSTRATION suggests a solution to our formation migration

**Inquirer missed core issues in suspension of Cebu's Garcia**

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Dec. 27 edition, in "Spooks in Cuba," raised issues that are as basic as the political and the very nature of the world as we know it.

during his penitence go, his brother is the treatment. The 5-month penalty is an even's acknowledgment the allegations made in

making any action would not be an exception. In fact, it would not be the time when either the administration or the contractor has all

has performed well in total job generation. In addition, in the October 2012 survey released by the National Business Office (NBO), the majority indicated growth over

an appreciation against the dollar, rising prices of basic goods and services." He opined that the 7.1 percent growth would be a positive sign based on improving the economy and promoting the passage and implementation of laws and policies that would diversify

The difference between the suspension of your President's department and the suspension of him, Donald Trump, cannot be a given. That is inside the point. The difference is knowing the Constitution is plain "value-adding."

In the case of the Trump and his suspension are the maximum violations of the rule of law and the right to the process, which leads to

the largest companies when it may be argued, with best advantage, of the power of the local chief executive to set the budget and hire personnel. My idea, I think, is the best legislation that approximates budgeting...including the budget of the Office of the Vice Governor—and it is the scenario that implements the same. The law at present vests the chief executive the power to hire employees for

to be in the office while waiting for a court decision. In the case of Calverley v. Green and 12 members of the House of Commons, the court held that it is not necessary for a decision from the Court of Appeal to be made before a minister can advise the House of Commons on a matter of confidence. The court also held that it is not necessary for a decision from the Court of Appeal to be made before a minister can advise the House of Commons on a matter of confidence.

The 1995 data are a conservative estimate; the number of users

As before, only the 1 percent rich families, but by the 2000s even poor and middle-income families, I wouldn't be able to.

Her previous analysis, *Green*, says that Garcia relies on a promising argument that the case was decided beyond the prisms of ideology. The provisions of the Local Government Code and the Administrative Code are quite specific, and a reading of the entire statutes that argument failed, she believes. But does she intend the same? Not so much, she says.

The process and outcome of the judicial review has implications over the Garcia case. As a matter of course, it is incumbent upon the court to allow a suspect branch time to decide before taking any action. That the court has not issued a temporary restraining order until Christmas, means that under federal law, no one is being

What is happening in Oriskany is not new. It happened before. In Mahan, during the time of their mayor, now Vice President Jimmy Carter, that scandal politician did go on to make it out their Mayor. One of these Mahan victims was, George, President, President.

On a Oct. 4, 2012 comment,

and, Medicines, pesticides and fertilizers. Insecticides and fungicides, insecticides, herbicides, pesticides, and other agricultural chemicals are used in the Philippines, where people are exposed to them through the air, water, and soil.

### Restoring the habit of cleaning one's own surroundings

1-MPH that morning, 200 ft. south-  
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cially in Muddy Branch, will take a  
good chance to clean their  
sweepings, even use their  
hooves, at the end of the day.

morning, I cut a lot of time on the screen. I think that if only people would be more circumspect, if only every business man and woman would place their savings every two minutes or only once, we'd have less problems.

—BRIAN KIRBY,  
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## Man kills woman in QC in a fit of drunken rage

By Jeannette L. Andrade

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman's attempt to reconcile with her live-in partner cost her but the after she banged into a drunken neighbor who got shot and stabbed her.

Three-day-old Jia, a resident of Anna B. Pineda Road in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, was declared dead on arrival by attending doctors at General Mabini Hospital due to two stab wounds in the chest.

Her alleged attacker and neighbor, Baloy (aka Pido, Dad, afterward), is now being sought by the police.

SPO1 Patrick Fabrigar, of the Quezon City Police District's Criminal Investigation and Investigation Unit said the shooting happened around 8 p.m. on Wednesday near Delta Cine's home.

According to Fabrigar, the victim earlier figured it was argument with her live-in partner who was identified only as "Nido." "Nido," however, could hit her back on her and walked away as they were exchanging heated words.

The case investigators added that an apparently intoxicated Delta Cine ran after Anthony but in the process, she banged into her neighbor.

This third Delta Cine who took out a few beads and attacked the woman, striking her twice in the chest before fleeing.

A neighbor told Delta Cine to the nearest hospital for treatment but the effort to save her proved futile.

## Part of Metro film fest profits to go to repair of damaged schools

By Neil A. Ramirez



### SAFETY FIRST

Two young girls hold up a staff van by their parents who are selling paper and plastic items for the New Year's Eve celebration. The Department of Health, however, calls on the public to maintain a safe distance from the crowd instead of fraternizing to ensure their safety.

Part of the profits from the Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) will go toward the rehabilitation of schools in areas devastated by typhoon "Nido."

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Francis Tolentino, who is also overall MMFF head, said that the festival's organizers committee had agreed on donating part of the proceeds from this year's film festival to repair damaged schools in New Batangas, Compostela Valley and General Santos.

According to Tolentino, the producers and actors in the eight film entries either support their willingness to watch out for the safety of students who were left homeless by Nido.

"Children are the most affected by this calamity. They not only lost their homes, many lost loved ones and their education and future are at risk because their schools were either damaged or totally destroyed," he said.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the damage wrought by Nido has reached P16 billion, including P7.3 billion worth of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, government offices and public schools; P5.5 billion in agricultural products and P3.2 billion worth of private property.

## Thieves break into cop's car, steal computer

By Jeannette L. Andrade

EVEN policemen aren't safe from thieves.

A police superintendent found this to be true after he lost on Thursday night his lap-

top computer to thieves who broke the windows of his sport utility vehicle in order to get the gadget.

Sgt. Nicolo Salazar, a member of the Quezon City Police District's District 1-

Unit (DQD1-1U1), said that he had left the computer worth around P40,000 in the back seat of his SUV.

In his complaint which he filed in the Marikina police

station, Salazar said that he parked his Mitsubishi Montero on West Avenue in Marikina about 8 p.m. on Thursday.

He added that he made sure that all the vehicle's doors

were locked and its windows closed before he left it unattended.

But when he returned at 9:30 p.m., he found one of the windows broken and his laptop computer missing.

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# Quezon City living re-imagined by Century Properties The Residences at Commonwealth



Commonwealth by Century Properties has a lot to offer. It's a place where you can enjoy the best of both worlds: a modern, multi-story building with a glass facade and a large, colorful, abstract sculpture in the foreground.

In the business of real estate, sticking to prevailing standards doesn't fail to draw in the buyers. But sometimes, a challenger comes along and reshapes the landscape.

And this is how top real estate developer Century Properties Group, Inc. has stayed into the provincial game. Without its daring lifestyle concepts the country would not have had the chance to experience a Venetian theme interior-designed residence, the country's first and only residential resort with a man-made beach, complete with the only Paris Hilton-designed beach club, a condominium named after the world's most premium real estate brand, Trump, and the first and only Museum House interior designed residential condominium in the world.

"It has always taken wildly creative and passionate people to shake up the world and turn it into an exciting place to live in. That is what we intend to do in Quezon City, through our project the Residences at Commonwealth by Century," said Century Properties Co-CEO and Project Head Marco R. Antonio.

Century Properties vows to surprise many once more with its latest project in this part of the metropolis by reimagining it in many ways.

## Beyond beautiful homes

For years, the city north of Manila has not seen significant signs in real estate innovation. And this top developer has taken that as a cue to make a difference by reimagining beyond beautiful homes. It goes steps further by packing the place with many wonderful and sensible features.

"Built into every Century Properties project are features and amenities that inspire and nurture a whole way of lifestyles. We were never satisfied with delivering



Commonwealth by Century has a great place for exploring innovations and modern lifestyle. The kitchen area, which has a large island and a bar, is a perfect place for social interaction.

just the basics as we are once again making sure we're going ahead of the pack. We're not just offering homes, we're offering experiences," said Antonio.

Everything from the very living space up to the central amenity area enclosed by all of its buildings is far from common.

The development's units are all bigger than standard and thus allow its owners more interior-design freedom. "Our studio units are called 'suites,' and at 22 square meters, they are close to one-bedroom units in other developments," Antonio said.

Not only that, no matter what the size is, each unit has its own extended balcony that can function as an extended private space.

"We are pioneering the offering of extended balconies that enhance the indoor-outdoor experience. For you have a place for family dinners, coffee and maybe even quiet time together among friends," Antonio added.

"As far as we are concerned, the dynamic and the quiet elements can actually co-exist," Antonio said.

## New outdoor experiences

Upon entry, a resident in vision is greeted by a water feature. Further into the development are other waterways. A resident doesn't just get to take laps in a standard pool but experience an entire water park of varying energies. Depending on his mood or choice, he has the Commonwealth Pool, the relatively more energetic Commonwealth Rapids and the serene Commonwealth Waterfalls in city core.

"Increasingly over the years, fitness-buffs are not just confining their exercise routines within the gym but outdoors too. Conscious of that, we built spaces that allow our residents to exercise outdoors," Antonio said.

Hence, residents here can do their stretching and meditation in the community's pockets of wellness zones—home meditation Zen and Vipassana gardens and spaces for outdoor yoga.

Meanwhile, locals that long for the surge of adrenaline can make a dash towards two basketball and two badminton courts and a bocceball.

## A place for social interaction

In Commonwealth, kids are encouraged to trade their computer games and other gadgets for the chance to engage in social interaction outside and experience the thrill of playing active games.

At The Orbital, the playground is made up of three fun and educational free zones filled with a fun web of ropes for climbing, a mini-observatory for stargazing and a spiral ladder with fun facts.

"Century Properties prides itself for having the passion to elevate the lives of its buyers. With Commonwealth, one of our goals is to encourage our future homeowners to pursue their own passions, whether it be in the arts, socializing or active and healthy lifestyles," Antonio said.

This is why Century Properties came up with the multi-purpose Commonwealth Clubhouse that is more than just a common area function room and a gym. In fact, its many rooms are dedicated to taking care of its community residents as well as nurturing their myriad interests.



At Commonwealth by Century, the residents of Commonwealth by Century can enjoy the best of both worlds: a modern, multi-story building with a glass facade and a large, colorful, abstract sculpture in the foreground.

Kids who are into music can jam in the Clubhouse's very own Rock and Roll studio, which will be equipped with full-band instruments and acoustics. Carousels music can take up courses at the Advanced Learning Center while kids who can enjoy the natural sound effects being played on the second floor.

But kids aren't the only ones who can benefit from interest-based facilities. Adults who love to learn new recipes have the Kitchen Studio to tap.

"These are many ways in which we're making sure that it will require the wisdom of imagination and the willingness to turn it into a reality to be on a par with the Residences at Commonwealth by Century," Antonio said.

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# People, Events & Products

## Sun Cellular makes it even easier for PLDT subscribers to get a Sun Postpaid line

**MOBILE phone operators Sun Cellular now makes it even easier for its low-value service to be recently purchased with postpaid company PLDT in a new service for PLDT subscribers to apply for a Sun Cellular Mobile subscription.**

Now that you are part of the group, we embark on this program with PLDT to progressively reach out to many value-added users and particularly make it even easier for PLDT subscribers to avail of our smartphone plans and cellular services," says **Arky Rios**, senior vice president of Sun Cellular for Prepaid, Broadband, New Business and Marketing Services.

Rios says that this partnership program enables PLDT subscribers to enhance

overall experience of Sun Postpaid, from the facilities equipped applications (now down to the lowering of offering with no-on-aided and promote exclusive features.

"It is by far a Sun Postpaid line, PLDT subscribers would simply need to visit the Sun Store and present a valid 30-day sign-up card, along with their most recent PLDT billing statement," Rios explains. "We've also tried to make it easier for those to visit our best-selling place like the Sun Store, which is available in all major cities, including in the PH, as well as the Sun Postpaid store (under the Sun Postpaid line) PLDT subscribers can get a Sun Postpaid line in 15 minutes of visit to our nearest and best service in the Sun Store.

service of their Sun Postpaid subscription.

"We have a lot of value-added services and a strong wireless Internet connection in their homes, so we encourage PLDT subscribers to make the good choice of completing their subscription experience with the best value mobile services of Sun Postpaid," Rios adds.

Apex from that, Rios adds, Sun Cellular has also been working with PLDT to implement new network strategies and services to enhance the overall experience of its customers, and the company is committed to its continuously growing base of satisfied subscribers who continue to use Sun Cellular as a member of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company Group.



**BIP CONFERS SANTIAGO WITH DIKNO AWARD**

**MANILA, Philippines**—The Philippine Business International (PBI) Group of Companies (PBI) has conferred the Dikno Award to the Philippine Business International (PBI) Group of Companies (PBI) for its contribution to the Philippine business community.

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**Epson supports Philippine typhoon relief efforts**

**MANILA, Philippines**—Philippine Epson Corp. (Epson Philippines Inc.) is supporting the relief efforts of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in the aftermath of the typhoon.

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## Petron offers 'Libreng Kape't Balita'

**MANILA, Philippines**—Petron Inc. is offering a free coffee and news service to its customers.

The service, called "Libreng Kape't Balita," is available at all Petron service stations.

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**GLOBE GINSE OFFERS BEST IPHONE EXPERIENCE**

**MANILA, Philippines**—Globe Telecom Inc. is offering a free iPhone experience to its customers.

The service, called "Globe Ginse," is available at all Globe Telecom service centers.

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**ICTV, AJJC launch iCollege**

**MANILA, Philippines**—ICTV and AJJC are launching a new educational program called iCollege.

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## Magnolia Fresh Chicken Carinderia Fiesta 2 a success

**MANILA, Philippines**—Magnolia Fresh Chicken Carinderia Fiesta 2 was a success.

The event was held at the Magnolia Fresh Chicken Carinderia.

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## ATI SHARES YULETIDE JOY

**MANILA, Philippines**—ATI is sharing Yuletide joy with its customers.

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**When Magnolia Fresh Chicken Carinderia Fiesta 2 was a success**

## Globe Duo International offers new way to call the US

**MANILA, Philippines**—Globe Duo International is offering a new way to call the US.

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## RESORTS WORLD SINTOLA PARTNERS WITH ATC

**MANILA, Philippines**—Resorts World Sincola is partnering with ATC.

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**MANILA, Philippines**—Globe Duo International is offering a new way to call the US.

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## Veteran journalists honor P-Noy with 'People's Choice Award'

**MANILA, Philippines**—Veteran journalists are honoring P-Noy with the 'People's Choice Award'.

The award was presented to P-Noy by a group of veteran journalists.

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# A CONVENIENT TRUTH

## The organizational benefits of going green

**By DepEd Div Office  
and Daniel Carlo Tap  
Contributors**

**E**NVIRONMENTAL issues have sparked media attention especially with prominent people and groups advocating green initiatives. This type of word "going green" has created a ripple effect, convincing even business organizations to practice environmental responsibility in their daily operations.

Although sustainability is a relatively recent phenomenon, it has been around for centuries. In fact, some of the earliest records of environmental protection can be found in ancient texts.

As such, more and more organizations today are realizing organizational environmental responsibility.

### Exploring the benefits

Organizational environmental responsibility (OER) is a general term used to refer to practices that ensure the company's environmental footprint for its various stakeholders. It is a commitment to environmental responsibility that extends beyond the company's own operations to its suppliers, customers, and the community at large.

As such, more and more organizations today are realizing organizational environmental responsibility.

### Competitiveness

#### a 3-pronged process

One of the most common approaches to organizational environmental responsibility is through a 3-pronged process. This approach is a holistic view of environmental responsibility that takes into account the company's own operations, its suppliers, and its customers.

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More specifically, the benefits of OER to the company through better cost management, improved operational efficiency, and enhanced reputation, and in some instances, even profitability.

To illustrate this, the American Council on Education (ACE) did a study which examined the impact of OER on employee satisfaction and retention. The study found that companies with high OER scores had higher employee satisfaction and retention rates.

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**Power Situation Outlook**  
for Months: 31 November 2012

Electricity Demand (MW)	1,330	1,762	1,221
Electricity Supply (MW)	1,845	1,417	1,152
Electricity Deficit (MW)	515	345	73

**Power Situation Outlook**  
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The outlook shows a significant electricity deficit, particularly in the first half of the year. This is due to a combination of factors, including a decline in electricity demand and a corresponding decline in electricity supply. The deficit is most pronounced in the first half of the year, when electricity demand is at its highest and electricity supply is at its lowest.

To address this deficit, the government has implemented a number of measures, including the construction of new power plants and the implementation of energy conservation programs. These measures are expected to reduce the deficit and ensure a stable electricity supply for the remainder of the year.



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## Philippines scored global heritage successes in 2012

## GOOD NEWS travels slowly.

Philippines like thinking that conservation in this country is in a sorry state, but 2012 was the year Philippine conservation (eco) efforts received global accolades.

It was one success story after the other for the Philippines in 2012, successes that firmly established our reputation as an international leader in conservation. In July, the World Heritage Committee

renewed the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras from the World Heritage "In Danger" list.

The Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras were inscribed on the World

Heritage List in 1995 for being "a dramatic testimony to a... exceptional system of rice production... an outstanding example of land use resulting from a human

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## Top 10 books of the year

Diversity and ingenuity are the hallmarks of our 10 favorite titles for the past year

By Ruel S. De Vera

**I**T WAS AN unusual literary year as the bestseller lists were dominated by a mix of top of exotic novels and a contemporary political biography. But book buyers will find points in the bookshelves saw the arrival of diverse and distinctive titles, both foreign and local, for readers of all kinds. It was a welcome exercise in creativity and compelling storytelling.

From young adult novels crossing over to the mainstream, to sequels, reissues, and new, here are our favorite books from 2012, arranged alphabetically by title:

**'18 Days, 18 Years: From Bin Laden to Facebook,' by Maria A. Ressa (Avon Publishing, Inc.)**



Ressa was CEO of Manila-based news outlet the spread of the dreaded terrorist networks from their origins in the Middle East to their perches in Southeast Asia... including the Philippines... while capturing the new, digital frontier. The explanations are wrapped around the intricate story of an Arab-Cuban news crew's kidnapping by the al-Qaida. Ressa's last moment in 2008. It's both eye-opening and thrilling.

**'Defending Jacob,' by William Landay (Delacorte Press)**

It was a very good year for thrillers in particular, but the best of the bunch, the one that was a surprise, was *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Landay's novel, which shows just how far fiction can go, is a story of a father who will go to great lengths to protect his son, Jacob, from being killed by a bully at a school. The author's details and the most surprising ending of the year make *'Defending Jacob'* a book to read more than once.



TOP 10



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### CONCEPTS SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

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## Share the Colors of the Philippines

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# Most stars say they were nice in 2012

## Karen Ricketts

*Actress/Opinionista/Good chairperson*  
"The consistently nice. At work, I make sure to accommodate regularity with my responsibilities of the studio, center and television industries. To provide affected by when I do, especially on Multiculturalism, I make sure to listen to their concerns and to advocate them on the effects of policy. As a family man, people are amazed at how I'm still able to find time to spend with my wife and my daughters. I take every opportunity I have to bond with them."

## Karen Davis

*TV news anchor*  
"I was nice. I think 2012 was a better year for me. I learned a lot of things, not only and personally. Growing can sometimes be painful, but I've become a better person and, most of all, a better mother."

## Ella Cadaver

*Actress*  
"I really like to go out, but I'll still stay in—I still have coffee, which I love!"

## Victor Sklar

*Actor/Model*  
"The always nice. But this year, it's a little bit of both. I was nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends, and you know what? I'm proud."

## Jason Merton

*Actor*  
"I avoided bad things by going straight home from the set. I took a lot of time to be a good father."



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family man and I want to spend more quality time with my wife and two kids."

## Garret Stone

*Actor/Model*  
"I was both naughty and nice this year. I was naughty to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

## Arnold Aguilar

*Comedy writer/Actor*  
"I was generous. I was generous to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

years, maybe because I needed to be a little more generous. I was generous to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

## Sharon Salsbery

*TV host/Writer/Actor*  
"I was naughty. I was naughty to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

## Evangelina Vargus

*Actress*  
"I was naughty because, for all kinds of reasons, I was naughty to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

## Aj Doo

*Actor*  
"I was a little naughty. I was naughty to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

## Enjoy

*Comedian*  
"I was always nice. I was always nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends. I was also nice to my family, but I was also nice to my friends."

Interim by Michael O'Connell, Karen Polak, and by the San Diego Star.

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